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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO IVORY COAST:

FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENT

REF: ABIDJAN 2158

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING YESTERDAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER USHER DEVOTED TO GENERAL REVIEW OF RECENT IVORIAN ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, I ASKED HIM WHETHER ANYTHING MORE TANGIBLE HAD EMERGED FROM CEAUSESCU VISIT THAN WAS REFLECTED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH SEEMED TO ME BLAND EVEN BY PEAR-SHAPED STANDARDS OF SUCH DOCUMENTS.

2. USHER SAID THAT VISIT HAD SIMPLY BEEN A POLITICAL EXERCISE DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE "OPENNESS" ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT FROM THAT STANDPOINT IVORIANS HAD GOTTEN WHAT THEY WANTED FROM IT. ROUMANIANS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SHARPER
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AND MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN SOME PORTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE -- PRESUMABLY INCLUDING PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH MIDDLE EAST, ALTHOUGH USHER DID NOT SINGLE THIS OUT. IVORIANS HOWEVER HAD INSISTED ON NON-COMMITTAL FORMULATIONS AND FINAL WORDING OF COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED THEIR WISHES.

3. IVORY COAST, SAID USHER, WOULD CONTINUE TO HANDLE ITS

RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST STATES CAUTIOUSLY AND PRAGMATICALLY. "WE ARE WHAT WE ARE AND THEY ARE WHAT THEY ARE," HE SAID.

4. I ASKED USHER WHAT WOULD BE THE NATURE OF THE IVORIAN-ROUMANIAN MIXED COMMISSION, WHOSE FORMATION WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE COMMUNIQUE, AND WHETHER SPECIFIC ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. HE SAID THE MIXED COMMISSION WOULD DEAL WITH COMMERCIAL QUESTIONS PRIMARILY. THE IVORIANS WERE INTERESTED IN ROUMANIAN PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY AND HE DID NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ROUMANIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF MINERAL EXPLORATION, INCLUDING PETROLEUM.

5. IN CLOSING USHER REPEATED THAT THE IVORY COAST HAD NO INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS WESTERN ORIENTATION OR OF MAKING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS IN THE FOREIGN POLICY.. "I THINK CEAUSESCU WAS PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION," USHER CONCLUDED, "AND THAT WE SHOWED HIM WHAT A SYSTEM LIKE OURS CAN PRODUCE."
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